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NOTIFICATION BY THE ELECTION COMMISSION OF INDIA

DISQUALIFICATION OF MS. JAYANTHI. M CANDIDATE CONTESTED FROM 19- NILGIRIS (SC) PARLIAMENTARY CONSTITUENCY IN THE GENERAL ELECTION TO LOK SABHA, 2024 FOR FAILURE TO LODGE THE ACCOUNTS OF ELECTION EXPENSES UNDER SECTION 10-A OF THE REPRESENTATION OF THE PEOPLE ACT, 1951 BY THE ELECTION COMMISSION OF INDIA.

No. SRO G-7/2025.

The following order of the Election Commission of India, Nirvachan Sadan, Ashoka Road, New Delhi-110 001, dated. 05th February, 2025 [16 Magha, 1946 (Saka)] is re-published:-

No.76/TN-PC/2024/CEMS-II

WHEREAS, the General Election to Lok Sabha of Tamil Nadu, 2024 for 19-Nilgiris (SC) Parliamentary Constituency was held in pursuance of the Election Commission of India Notification No. O.N.59(E), dated 20th March, 2024; and

WHEREAS, as per Section 78 of the Representation of the People Act, 1951, every contesting candidate at an election shall, within 30 days from the date of election of the returned candidate, lodge with the District Election Officer an account of his/her election expenses which shall be a true copy of the account kept by him/her or his/her election agent under Section 77 of the said act; and

WHEREAS, the result of the election for **19-Nilgiris (SC)** Parliamentary Constituency of Tamil Nadu, 2024 was declared by the Returning Officer on 04th June, 2024 and hence the last date for lodging the account of Election Expenses was 04th July, 2024; and

WHEREAS, as per the report dated 05.07.2024 of District Election Officer, The Nilgiris under sub rule (1) of Rule 89 of the Conduct of Elections Rules, 1961 received through the CEO, Tamil Nadu *vide* his letter No. 16778/Ele-IV/2024-3; dated 23.07.2024 stating that Ms. Jayanthi.M, a contesting candidate from 19-Nilgiris (SC) Parliamentary Constituency in General Election to Lok Sabha of Tamil Nadu, 2024, has failed to lodge the account of her election expenses, as required under law; and

WHEREAS, on basis of the said report of the District Election Officer, The Nilgiris, a Show-Cause Notice No. 76/TN-PC/2024/CEMS-II, dated 07th October, 2024 was issued under sub rule (5) of Rule 89 of the Conduct of Elections Rules, 1961 by the Election Commission of India to Ms. Jayanthi.M, for not lodging of the account of Election Expenses; and

WHEREAS, through the above said Show Cause Notice and under sub rule (6) of Rule 89 of the Conduct of Elections Rules, 1961, Ms. Jayanthi.M was directed to submit representation in writing to the Commission explaining the reasons for not lodging the account and also to lodge the account of her election expenses with the District Election Officer, The Nilgiris District within 20 days from the date of receipt of the notice; and

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WHEREAS, the District Election Officer, The Nilgiris in his report no.Rc.L1.No.3281/2023; dated 29.11.2024 has reported that the Show Cause Notice was served to Ms. Jayanthi.M on 23.10.2024; and

WHEREAS, the District Election Officer, The Nilgiris in his Supplementary Report no.Rc.L1.No.3281/2023; dated 29.11.2024 on account of the candidate received through CEO, Tamil Nadu letter No. 20696/Ele-IV/2024-5, dated 17.12.2024 has reported that Ms. Jayanthi.M has not submitted any representation or statement of account of election expenses. Further, after receipt of the said notice, Ms. Jayanthi.M has neither furnished any reason nor explanation to the Election Commission of India for failure to lodge the account of her election expenses as prescribed under law; and

WHEREAS, Section 10A of the Representation of the People Act, 1951 provides that:

"If the Election Commission is satisfied that a person-

- (a) has failed to lodge an account of election expenses within the time and in the manner required by or under this Act, and
 - (b) has no good reason or justification for the failure,

the Election Commission shall, by order published in the Official Gazette, declare him to be disqualified and any such person shall be disqualified for a period of three years from the date of the order."

WHEREAS, on basis of the facts and available records, the Commission is satisfied that Ms. Jayanthi.M has failed to lodge the account of her election expenses and has no good reason or justification for the failure to do so; and

NOW, THEREFORE, in pursuance of Section 10A of the Representation of the People Act, 1951, the Election Commission of India hereby declares Ms. Jayanthi.M, resident of 4-248/3, Syndicate Bank Colony, Park Street, Elumalai Nagar, Salem-636 008 and a contesting candidate from 19-Nilgiris (SC) Parliamentary Constituency of G.E. to P.C of Tamil Nadu, 2024, to be disqualified for being chosen as and for being a member of either House of the Parliament or the Legislative Assembly or the Legislative Council of a State or Union Territory for a period of three years from the date of this order.

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Ms. Jayanthi.M, 4-248/3,Syndicate Bank Colony, Park Street, Elumalai Nagar, Salem - 636 008.

(By Order)

SUJEET KUMAR MISHRA, Secretary, Election Commission of India.

Secretariat, Chennai-600 009, 25th February 2025. ARCHANA PATNAIK, Chief Electoral Officer and Secretary to Government, Public (Elections) Department.